of angels, and of all the several species of animals, vegetables, minerals, &c.; that is, to write *de omni ente^* of whatsoever is contained within the complexion of the universe. Though the whole scale of entity is here also taken notice of; and the general ranks of substantial beings, below the Deity (or trinity of Divine hypostases) considered; which yet, according to our philosophy, are but two; souls of several degrees (angels themselves being included within that number), and body or matter; as also the immortality of those soul A proved: which notwithstanding is suggested by us, only to satisfy some men's curiosity. Nevertheless, we confess, that this general title might well have been here spared by us, and this volume have been presented to the reader's view, not as a part or piece, but a whole complete and entire thing by itself, had it not been for two ;
first, our beginning with those three fatalisms, or false hypotheses of the Intellectual System, and promising a confutation of them all then, when we thought to have brought them within the compass of one volume; and secondly, every other page, throughout this whole volume, accordingly bearing the inscription of book the first upon the head thereof. This is therefore that, which, **in** the first place, we here apologize for our publishing one part or

book alone by itself, we being surprised in the length thereof; whereas we had intended two more along with it Notwithstanding which, there is *no* reason why this volume should be therefore thought imperfect and incomplete, because it hath not all the three things at first designed us; it containing all that belorigeth to its own particular title and subject, and being